



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING EAW AND DRAFT SCOPE FOR SANDPIPER PIPELINE AND LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AND SCHEDULE FOR EIS SCOPING MEETINGS

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Project Description

Sandpiper Pipeline Project

The North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) is proposing to construct and operate a new 616-mile oil pipeline that would extend from Beaver Lodge Station, south of Tioga, North Dakota through a new terminal at Clearbrook, Minnesota and then on to an Enbridge affiliate's terminal and tank farm in Superior, Wisconsin.

The proposed project, called the Sandpiper Pipeline project (or Sandpiper), includes about 303 miles of new pipeline in Minnesota. NDPC is proposing to install 24-inch diameter pipeline from the North Dakota border to Clearbrook, and 30-inch diameter pipeline from Clearbrook to the Wisconsin border. The project also includes construction of a new oil terminal at Clearbrook and upgrades to the existing Pine River facility.

The proposed project is located in Polk, Red Lake, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

Line 3 Replacement Project

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) is proposing the Line 3 Replacement project in order to address safety and integrity issues associated with the existing Line 3 pipeline. The pipeline replacement is proposed to follow existing Line 3 from the Minnesota-North Dakota border to Clearbrook and then follow the same route proposed for the Sandpiper pipeline from Clearbrook to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. The Line 3 route is approximately 337 miles long in Minnesota. The project also includes upgrades to existing pump stations at Clearbrook, Donaldson, Plummer, and Viking, and construction of new pump stations at Backus, Cromwell, Palisade, and Two Inlets.

The proposed project is located in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

Meeting Information		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, April 25, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Tobies Restaurant and Bakery 404 Fire Monument Road Hinckley, MN 55037
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	The Falls Ballroom 15870 Minnesota 27 Little Falls, MN 56345
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Crookston Inn & Convention Center 2200 University Ave Crookston, MN 56716
Thursday, April 28, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Ralph Engelstad Arena 525 Brooks Ave North Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Monday, May 2, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Bemidji State University 1500 Birchmont Dr. NE #31 Bemidji, MN 56601
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	American Legion 900 East 1st Street Park Rapids, MN 56470
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Park Rapids Century School 501 Helten Avenue Park Rapids, MN 56470
Thursday, May 5, 2016	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Black Bear Casino Resort 1785 MN-210 Carlton, MN 55718
Thursday, May 5, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Black Bear Casino Resort 1785 MN-210 Carlton, MN 55718
Monday, May 9, 2016	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Saint Paul RiverCentre 175 West Kellogg Boulevard Saint Paul, MN 55102
Tuesday, May 10, 2016	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Rice Lake Community Center 13830 Community Loop Bagley, MN 56621
Wednesday, May 11, 2016	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	East Lake Community Center 36666 State Highway 65 McGregor, MN 56718

- Each meeting will include an informal open house (1 hour), a formal presentation by state agency staff (30 minutes), and an opportunity for public comments (1.5 hours).
- State agency staff members will facilitate the meeting and are available to respond to questions about the permitting process and the project.
- NDPC and Enbridge (applicants) staff will also be available to answer questions about the proposed projects during the informal open house.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record. A court reporter will be available to take verbal comments, and comment cards will be available for people who wish to provide written comments for the public record.

Comment Period Written comments will be accepted through **Thursday, May 26, 2016** online or by mail.

Online www.sandpipeline3.us

Email Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager
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Fax 651-539-0109

Important Comments will be made available to the public via the PUC's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions. Please include the PUC Docket Numbers (Sandpiper: PL-6668/CN-13-473 and PPL-13-474, Line 3: PL-9/CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137) in all communications.

Note: Each project will have its own scope and EIS, however, public meetings will address both projects.

Eminent Domain: If issued a route permit by the PUC, Enbridge and NDPC may use the power of eminent domain to take land for this project. Any new easement or right-of-way agreements reached between Enbridge/NDPC and landowners before a pipeline route permit is issued will not be considered in the PUC's final decision.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website (documents are available at these websites):

Sandpiper: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33599>

Line 3: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34079>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us, 651-201-2204, or 1-800-657-3782 with the docket number (*Sandpiper: 13-473 & 13-474*) or (*Line 3: 14-916 & 15-137*), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the PUC's website - mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (*13*) and the docket number (*473*) for the Sandpiper CN or (*13*) and (*474*) for the Sandpiper Route Permit, then select *Search*. Enter the year (*14*) and the docket number (*916*) for the Line 3 CN or (*15*) and (*137*) for the Line 3 Route Permit, then select *Search*.

Community Locations: The Draft Scoping Decision Documents and Scoping EAWs will be available at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipelines:

- Township Clerk
- City Clerk
- County Auditor or Administrator
- Public Libraries:
 - Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
 - Bemidji Public Library, 509 American Avenue NW, Bemidji
 - Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash Street, Crookston
 - Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
 - Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave., PO Box 14, Pine River
 - East Central Regional Library, 244 So. Birch Street, Cambridge
 - Great River Regional Library, 1300 West St. Germain, St. Cloud

Available on CD: You may contact DOC-EERA staff to request copies of these documents on CD (see contact information below).

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The certificate of need application is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7853. The pipeline route permit application is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7852. The EIS will be reviewed under Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410.2000.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

Project Contacts

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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the PUC at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting.